



August 10, 2011

EX PARTE

Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime, CC Docket No. 01-92; High-Cost Universal Service Support, WC Docket No. 05-337; Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers, WC Docket No. 07-135; Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90; A National Broadband Plan for Our Future, GN Docket No. 09-51; Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45; Lifeline and Link-Up, WC Docket No. 03-109

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Monday, August 8, 2011, Maggie McCready (Verizon), Hank Hultquist and Mike Lieberman (AT&T), Eric Einhorn and Frank Schueneman (Windstream), Jeff Lanning, Christy Londerholm, Richard Rousselot and Peter Copeland (CenturyLink), Jim Stegeman and Mark Guttman (CostQuest) and the undersigned met via conference call with Steven Rosenberg (Office of Strategic Planning and Policy Analysis) and Michael Steffen (Office of the General Counsel).

Our discussion centered on the model for allocating support to broadband networks in high-cost areas described in the recent ABC Plan filing. (Letter from Robert W. Quinn, Jr., AT&T, Steve Davis, CenturyLink, Michael T. Skrivan, FairPoint, Kathleen Q. Abernathy, Frontier, Kathleen Grillo, Verizon, and Michael D. Rhoda, Windstream, to Marlene H. Dortch, FCC, WC Docket No. 10-90 et al. (filed July 29, 2011) (ABC Plan)). The model was developed by CostQuest Associates, Inc., and is known as the "CostQuest Broadband Analysis Tool" (CQBAT). We discussed approaches to providing additional public information concerning the CQBAT as well as to providing access to the model and model reports for the FCC and for third parties. Access to the model could be provided through a licensing agreement or agreements depending on the level of access and reporting desired. More detailed access to certain inputs could require an additional licensing agreement with the data source. Access to model source code would likely require an additional nondisclosure agreement and could potentially occur on-site at CostQuest's facilities.

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Pursuant to Commission rules, please include a copy of this filing in each of the above-referenced dockets.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Banks", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jonathan Banks

c: Steven Rosenberg
Michael Steffen